

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Description of amendments

Claims 24, 25, and 82-108 are now pending and under examination. Applicant has amended claim 24. No new matter has been added.

The amendment to claim 24 is supported by the application as originally filed (see, for example, Figure 3).

Allowed and allowable claims

Applicant appreciates that the Examiner has indicated claims 25 and 82-91 would be allowable if they are rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103(a)

Claims 24, 92-99, and 102-108 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Schloss* (U.S. Patent 6,220,101). Claims 100 and 101 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Schloss*. For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

The claimed invention has various features that are not taught or suggested by *Schloss*. Claim 24, as amended, (thus each pending claim) recites that the at least one sensor in the at least one of the recess and the hole is displaceable. This feature is not taught or suggested by *Schloss*. On the contrary, Figure 3 of *Schloss* shows a sensor that is not displaceable in the pot. Accordingly, claims 24, 92-99, and 102-108 cannot be anticipated or rendered obvious by *Schloss*.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully

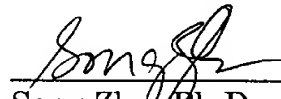
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requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (CAM #: 037068.49745US).

Respectfully submitted,

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